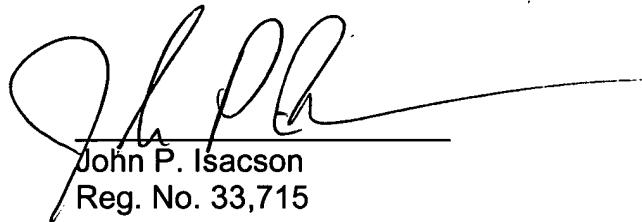


REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 12, 15-16, 43, 47-48, 59-61, 140-146, and 174-176 are pending in this application. Claims 7-11, 13-14, 17-42, 44-46, 49-58, 62-139, 147-173, and 177-185 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. A first office action on the merits is awaited.

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